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**Date:** Sun, Jun 8, 2003 6:49 AM  
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## Utah's Bonneville Ready to Complete Its Purchase of 15 Broadcast Stations

By Glen Warchol  
The Salt Lake Tribune

Salt Lake City's media market will see an immediate impact from Monday's Federal Communications Commission changes to rules restricting media ownership.

Salt Lake City-based Bonneville International has been waiting seven months for the FCC to approve its purchase of 15 stations from Simmons Media Group, also of Salt Lake City. Four of those stations are in the Salt Lake Valley, the rest in southern Utah and Idaho.

"We wouldn't have done the deal if we didn't think these rules were going to be loosened," Bonneville President and Chief Executive Bruce Reese said. "We knew they were long overdue for change."

Bonneville already owns top-rated KSL television and radio and is closely related through its owner, The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, to Salt Lake City's church-owned Deseret News. Acquiring the Simmons' stations will make Bonneville the state's pre-eminent radio broadcaster.

Reese estimated Bonneville's percentage of listenership along the Wasatch Front will be in the "high 20s," with most of the rest of the market split between Citadel Communications, Clear Channel Communications and Simmons.

Bill White, a community activist and University of Utah research scientist, warns the changes will lead to less diversity in ideas and opinions in the media nationwide.

"We already have the concentration, the effect of which during the Iraq war was jingoistic reporting that was solidly one-sided," he said. "I can't imagine a further concentration of media is going to help that situation."

Reese said the impact of media concentration will be dampened nationwide simply because few stations are for sale.

"There are not many sellers out there," he said. "There are not many Simmons deals left. I know because I looked."

Simmons President and Chief Executive David Simmons said small station owners can hold their own against concentrated competition.

"Judging from the critics, it looks like all the rules are being loosened and democracy is being threatened," Simmons said. "Its effect on the radio industry is far from that."

Another rule change made Monday could have a delayed effect on Salt Lake City's media mix. Because the market has nine television stations, it no longer will face FCC limits on cross-ownership of newspapers and television stations. (The existing Deseret News-KSL relationship was allowed to stand when FCC cross-ownership restrictions were enacted 30 years ago.)

The Salt Lake Tribune, purchased in 2000 by MediaNews Group, could theoretically acquire a broadcast partner if a station comes up for sale.

"It's certainly something we will explore," Tribune Publisher William Dean Singleton said. "I'm not aware of any stations for sale right now, but we'll be nosing around."

Singleton said an FCC study found that stations involved in cross-ownership with newspapers tend to have stronger news operations than competing stations. "That's a good thing" coming out of the decision, he said.

Removing the restrictions on cross-ownership will mean several hundred more potential buyers for stations coming on the market, which should increase diversity of media ownership rather than diminish it,

he said.

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Total Monopoly

In the June 1 paper, Salt Lake Tribune Publisher Dean Singleton argued that the current round of media deregulation would be a good thing.

Unfortunately, Singleton focuses only on the fairly peripheral newspaper-TV station cross-ownership rules. It seems to me that Singleton is right that if the cross-ownership rules were lifted, as they were Monday, the effects would not be particularly bad, and perhaps in some cases even beneficial.

However, the rule changes will also allow one corporation to own as many as three stations in large markets, and just one company will be allowed to reach 45 percent of the country's television viewers. These changes will place unbelievable power in the hands of a very few individuals, who will, of course, use that power to exert a disproportionate influence in our democracy.

If anything, the Federal Communications Commission ought to be passing more stringent regulations, not eliminating what few pathetic barriers are left to total monopoly.

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